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14 SEPTEMBER 1945 MEMORANDUM FROM ANCICC TO ANCIB

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MEMORANDUM FOR ANCIB:

1. At the ANCICC meeting on 12 September 1945, Captain Wenger stated that the Navy members of ANCICC, after consultation with higher authority, desired to set forth the Navy's position in order that there will be no misunderstanding concerning the degree of combination or merger of communication intelligence activities which can be agreed to by the Navy. A full physical merger of Army and Navy communication intelligence activities does not seem desirable to the Navy, for the following reasons:

- (a) Since the last meeting of ANCICC, the recommendation of merger, as advanced in the ANCIB memorandum of 22 August 1945, has been under further study by higher naval authorities with respect to its scope and its relation to the question of an overall consolidation of the armed services.
  - (b) The Navy must retain complete control over all elements of naval command, so that the Navy will be free to meet its interests, solve its special problems, and discharge its basic responsibilities in matters of the national defense. The Navy must, therefore, have complete control over its operational intelligence.
  - (c) For these reasons, the Navy considers it inadvisable to effect any actual consolidation of the physical, technical facilities or activities of OP-20-G and the Army Security Agency.
  - (d) It is considered, however, that coordination on the intelligence level can be improved, and in that area merger may be desirable at this time.
  - (e) Subject to the foregoing, the Navy desires to continue the arrangements for collaboration and coordination now in effect, and to extend and improve these as may be possible in connection with all matters of joint interest.
2. Captain Wenger believed that, in view of the foregoing, ANCICC should

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proceed to consider and recommend procedures that continue coordination and complete integration, as recommended as an alternative in General Marshall's memorandum of 18 August 1945, rather than a complete combination or merger of the activities.

3. Instructions from ANCIB are requested by ANCICC.

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Acting Chairman, ANCICC